

Children's Defense Fund—California  
 Children's Defense Fund—Minnesota  
 Children's Defense Fund—Mississippi  
 Children's Defense Fund—New York  
 Children's Defense Fund—Texas  
 Children's Hospital of Wisconsin  
 Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, Inc.

Connecticut Voices for Children  
 Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch (North Dakota)  
 Florida's Children First, Inc.  
 Foster Adopt Connect (Missouri and Kansas)  
 Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota  
 Lutheran Social Services of Indiana  
 Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange  
 Massachusetts Law Reform Institute  
 Partners for Our Children (Washington)  
 The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
 The Children's Partnership (California)  
 University of California Davis Guardian Professions Program  
 Voices for Children in Nebraska  
 Voices for Ohio's Children  
 Voices for Virginia's Children  
 YMCA of San Diego County, Kinship Support Program

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

##### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,343,541,768,823.97. We've added \$8,716,664,719,910.89 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$8.7 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### TRIBUTE TO KENNEDY PLOWMAN

##### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kennedy Plowman of Adair-Casey High School. Kennedy Plowman was recently honored for outstanding academic achievement at the Fourteenth Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition on May 1, 2016.

This statewide program is sponsored by the Iowa Governor's Office, the Iowa high school Athletic Association and the Iowa Farm Bureau. Each Iowa high school was invited to select a senior with the highest academic ranking. Not only are they academically gifted, but the selected students are often the youth who are successful in extracurricular activities and community endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Kennedy Plowman in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to reach her goals. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Kennedy on receiving this esteemed designation, and wishing her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote Number 391 on the Mullin of Oklahoma Amendment No. 43 to H.R. 5485, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, during the roll call votes on Thursday, July 7, 2016, I missed a vote on an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations.

Had I been present, on roll call number 394, I would have voted Yea.

#### TO COMMISSION A STATUE OF ELIE WIESEL TO BE PLACED IN THE CAPITOL

##### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of a bipartisan bill I introduced today with several of my colleagues to authorize a statue of Elie Wiesel to be placed in the U.S. Capitol building.

Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel was a great American, whose moral leadership served as a beacon across our country and around the globe. President Obama rightly called him, "the conscience of the world."

Wiesel was born in Romania in 1928. In 1944, at the age of fifteen, Elie Wiesel was sent to the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz, and later to Buchenwald. Both of his parents and his younger sister died in the concentration camps.

After the war, Elie Wiesel became a journalist and wrote about his experiences during the Holocaust. He spent his life as a vocal witness against both the evil that gave rise to the Holocaust and man's inhumanity against his fellow man. His purpose was to speak the truth in the face of power and to clearly and repeatedly say "Never Again." His memoir, *Night*, has been translated into over 30 languages.

He fought against indifference, intolerance, and injustice.

He helped create the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Elie Wiesel was one of the greatest moral forces in the world. He was brilliant, pure, honest, and courageous.

I met Elie Wiesel when I was a Tennessee State Senator and he was honored at Vanderbilt. He was the inspiration for me founding the Tennessee Holocaust Commission in 1987. I

have a picture of him and me hanging in the foyer of my Washington, DC office. The photo was taken when he was honored at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis.

His voice was strong and will be sorely missed. He was one of my heroes.

I urge my colleagues to help pass this bill.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote Number 389 on the Messer of Indiana Amendment No. 40 to H.R. 5485, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

#### GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

##### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 1252, the "Global Food Security Act of 2015," which requires the President to develop and implement a Global Food Security Strategy to reduce hunger and maintain global food security and nutrition.

Even in an age of globalization and industrialization, hunger and food security remain fundamental impediments to global wellbeing.

According to UN estimates, 795 people currently live undernourished lives, with 12.9 percent of the population of underdeveloped countries living without proper nutrition and 3.1 million children under the age of five dying of malnutrition every year.

Moreover, with the world's natural resources and biodiversity rapidly degrading, global food security continues to be threatened, as one of the global economy's most crucial driving forces, agriculture, continues to suffer globally, and particularly in underdeveloped states.

Even as the threats of hunger and food instability loom, the necessity of global food security remains, as solutions to global food issues also represent instrumental steps to poverty eradication and economic growth.

In an age where food concerns plague underdeveloped nations and largely industrialized international powers alike, moreover, it is more important than ever to remain committed to proven food initiatives and measures of global food assistance.

In particular, the Food Security Act specifies the importance of promoting activities and programs that strive to promote global food security, resilience, and nutrition.

These measures include programs that:

1. place food insecure countries on a path toward self-sufficiency by coordinating U.S. assistance programs;

2. accelerate agricultural and economic growth in a manner that reduces global poverty, hunger, and malnutrition;

3. increase the productivity and livelihoods of small-scale producers;